

Up the Missouri...

June 6, 1804: The Expedition made 14 miles this day. They mended their mast in the morning and set out at 7 a.m. under a gentle breeze. They also noted passing Saline Creek (Petite Saline Creek) with many licks and salt springs on its banks.



Sunset on the Missouri River

Photo by: Pat Whalen

.....So many Licks & Salt Springs on its banks that the Water of the Creek is Brackish.....the water of the Spring in this Lick is Strong as one bushel of the water is said to make 7 lb. of good Salt.... Clark

The Expedition also passed the mouth of Perche Creek (Clark's Split Rock Creek) and noted the natural arch that the creek was named after. (This natural arch can be seen along the Katy Trail at trail mile post 166.9).

...The Country for Several miles below is good, on the top of the high land back is also tolerable land Some buffalow Sign to day.... I am Still verry unwell with a Sore throat & head ake... Clark

June 7, 1804: The Expedition made 14 miles this day. They set out early and passed the Big Manitou Bluffs and the mouth of the Moniteau Creek at present day Rocheport. (The majestic bluffs can be seen from I-70 and the Katy Trail runs along the base of these bluffs). Seeing signs of buffalo, they sent the hunters out. (They would not actually shoot one until August 23, 1804). Just above the mouth they stopped at a projecting rock with paintings and carvings. They found a "Den of rattle Snakes" killing three snakes within minutes of landing.

... Several Courious Paintings and Carveing in the projecting rock of Limestone inlade with white red & blue flint, of a verry good quality, the Indians have taken of this flint great quantities.... Clark

Continuing upstream they camped at the mouth of Good Womans River (Bonne Femme Creek). The hunters returned in the evening.

... Our daily hunters met us with three Bears, One Old famel & her two Cubbs brought By G. Drewyer... Whitehouse

June 8, 1804: The Expedition made 12 miles this day. They set out at daybreak and passed the Lamine River. Clark noted it being 70 yds. wide and navigable for pirogues for 80 or 90 miles. The hunters brought in five deer but that night rain prevented the party from cooking their provisions.

June 9, 1804: The Expedition made 13 miles this day. They passed Prairie of Arrows and Arrow Creek (present day Arrow Rock) on the south side.

The hard rain from the night before caused the river to fill with many logs and trees, endangering the boats.

... the Sturn of the boat Struck a log which was not proceivable the Curt. Struck her bow and turn the boat against Some drift & Snags which [were] below with great force; This was a disagreeable and Dangerous Situation, particularly as immense large trees were Drifting down and we lay immediately in their Course, - Some of our men being prepared for all Situations leaped into the water Swam ashore with a roap, and fixed themselves in Such Situations, that the boat was off in a few minits, I can Say with Confidence that our party is not inferior to any that was ever on the waters of the Missoppie...Clark

They crossed to an island and camped for the evening, noting that the river was continuing to rise and the current was rapid. It began to rain again at 5 p.m. and continued to do so for most of the night.

Emergencies

Emergency numbers for each county are listed on the back cover and county boundaries are designated on the map. The county sheriff's office will contact the proper authorities to deal with the emergency.

Administer first aid to accident victims immediately and then call or send for help.

Boaters are advised to carry a marine radio and cell or satellite phone for emergency communication with the local Sheriff's office or other emergency response agencies. Cell coverage may not be 100% in rural areas.

Boat Ramps & Public Land

River Access (Boat Ramps)	Toilets	Camping	River Mile	Owner	Stream
Blackwater Bridge	Y	N	203.5	MDC	Blackwater River
De Bourgmont	Y	N	203.5	MDC	Lamine River
Franklin Island	N	N	195.2	MDC	Missouri River
Harriman Hill	Y	Y	203.5	MDC	Lamine River
Roberts Bluff	Y	Y	203.5	MDC	Lamine River
Taylor's Landing	N	N	185.0	MDC	Missouri River

Public Lands and Parks	Toilets	Camping	Ownership/ Management
Arrow Rock State Historic Site	Y	Y	MDNR
Davisdale, Conservation Area	N	Y	MDC
Diana Bend, Conservation Area	N	Y	MDC
Eagle Bluffs, Conservation Area	Y	N	MDC
Finger Lakes State Park	Y	Y	MDNR
Franklin Island, Conservation Area	N	N	MDC
Jameson Island, Wildlife Refuge Unit	N	N	USFWS
Katy Trail State Park, Biking/Hiking Trail	Y	N	MDNR
Lick Creek, Conservation Area	N	Y	MDC
Lisbon Bottoms, Wildlife Refuge Unit	N	N	USFWS
Moniteau Creek, Conservation Area	N	Y	MDC
Overton Bottoms North, Mitigation Site/Wildlife Refuge Unit	N	N	USACE/USFWS
Overton Bottoms South, Mitigation Site	N	N	USACE/MDC
Rocheport Cave, Mitigation Site	N	N	MDC
Rock Bridge Memorial State Park	Y	N	MDNR
Rocky Fork Lakes, Conservation Area	Y	Y	MDC
Three Creeks, Conservation Area	N	Y	MDC

The Return...

September 18, 1806: The Expedition made 52 miles this day. They set out early and passed the mouth of the Grand River at 7 a.m. The hunters had not killed anything so they stopped and gathered pawpaws.



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...we have nothing but a few Buisquit to eat and are partley compelled to eat poppows which we find in great quantities on the Shores ... the party appear perfectly contented and tell us that they can live very well on the papaws... Clark

